

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated May 12, 2008. Claims 1 to 24 are currently in the application, with Claims 12 to 24 having been withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1 and 6 are the independent claims currently under consideration, and Claims 1-11 have been amended. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

§ 102 and § 103 Rejections of Claims 1-11

The Office Action rejects Claims 1, 4-6 and 8-11 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,032,904 (Hosick). The same claims are also rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 over U.S. Patent No. 6,622,969 (Yamashita) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,481,672 (Goodzeit). Claims 2, 3 and 7 are rejected under U.S.C. §103 over Yamashita, Goodzeit and U.S. Patent No. 6,870,164 (Baldwin), and are also rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 over Hosick in view of Baldwin. Reconsideration and withdrawal are respectfully requested.

Applicants appreciate the courtesy of the Examiner allowing the telephonic interview with Applicants' representative on July 16, 2008. Applicant's representative believes that agreement was reached regarding the amendments made herein to independent claims 1 and 6, reflecting the inclusion of the features of at least one memory element, a processor configured to execute a set of instructions stored on the at least one memory element, the set of instructions for adjusting a plurality of reaction wheel assemblies . . . and using a plurality of gimbaled thrusters . . . wherein the adjusting of the plurality of reaction wheel assemblies is based on a torque deficit of the plurality of gimbaled thrusters. At least because these features are seen as being neither taught nor suggested by the above-cited art, Applicants respectfully request that Claims 1-11 be allowed.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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